The House rose for lunch at 2.30 p. m. and met again at 3 p. m. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

Statement placed on the Table.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the Table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, VIII of 1098.

Item No.	Amount Rs.	Remarks
23—B. Rural Sanitation. 'Charges for the Prevention of Epidemics'.	4,000	In view of the large number of small-pox cases in the towns of Mattancheri and Ernakulam a special contribution of Rs. 2,000 each had to be urgently granted to the two Municipalities for taking prompt and vigorous measures to control the epidemic.

Demands for supplementary Grants.

1. Land Revenue—E—Temporary Establishment—Rs. 850.

Deputy President.—The next item is 'Supplementary Grants'.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 850 under 'I—Land Revenue—E—Temporary Establishment'. This amount is required for meeting the cost of the special staff employed for conducting the joint verification of the Valluvanad—Cochin boundary. The staff was originally entertained for a period of four months. The work is not yet over, and we may require their services for another 3 months more. For that matter this additional allotment is required. The Cochin staff are working in conjunction with the British staff. We cannot push on our part of the work without the British officers also completing their work. The two sets of officers have to work jointly. Progress can be made by us only to the extent to which British officers have progressed. Looking at the progress hitherto made we think that a further extension of 3 months is necessary, and for that expenditure, this additional allotment is necessary. If any further information is required on the point, I shall supply it.

There are two cut motions tabled against this supplementary grant, and they are on general questions. I do not think that I should say anything on them now.

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Motion No. 1.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 850 for 1—Land Revenue—E—Temporary Establishment' by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—The first cut motion stands in the name of Mr. Ayyappan. The Member is absent.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 850 for 1—Land Revenue—E—Temporary Establishment.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—On the back of the cut motion I have put a query as to how much of that agricultural loan sanctioned has been spent and as to the balance still lying idle.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Sorry I cannot give the information at present, since the paper was given to me only to-day.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Thank you for the information. I sent the motion on the very day I got the agenda. At least four days must have elapsed. To be exact, I think it was on the last Wednesday or Thursday at the latest. I have sent this cut motion at least 5 days before it came for discussion. The arrangements are defective, and we must arrange for some quicker despatch.

Deputy President.—Why was there a delay in communicating this cut motion?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—We had to get it printed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Every officer concerned must have information. They must be working efficiently. I want to bring to your notice that the Finance Committee meeting was held only on the 13th instant, and it is altogether a diff erentmatter. We cannot table anything at the Finance Committee meeting. We can only get information. When the regular agenda comes printed, then only the Members can send in their cut motions. As soon as they are received, they must be at once sent to the Departments for information. We want to see that the system is working efficiently. Though there is provision for short-notice questions as in other Councils, I don't find any such questions here. Even if we are working with long notice, the information cannot be given. Then how are we going to work with short-notice questions? I do not know any reason why the Diwan Peishkar's Office could not be telegraphically informed about this.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—May I know, Sir, whether this was included in the agenda before placing it in the Finance Committee meeting? The presumption is that every supplementary

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grant will come to this House only after it has been placed before the Standing Finance Committee.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The supplementary agenda is to be printed only after the Finance Committee meeting.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—My question is whether it was included in the agenda, before or after it was placed before the Standing Finance Committee.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—What has the Finance Committee to do with the cut motion ? There is no necessity for waiting till the Finance Committee meeting is over.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—This Council has nothing to do with individual Members. After they are admitted by the President, they will be sent to the Government.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I want to know whether it was put in the agenda before it was placed in the Finance Committee meeting. It must have been included in the original agenda before it went through the Finance Committee. Our request had always been that everything connected with supplementary grants should be placed before the Standing Finance Committee before they are brought to this House.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I am sorry that it will be an impossible procedure. The agenda will have to be sent on a particular day. The Finance Committee meeting will come after the date on which the agenda will have to be sent. The date of the Finance Committee meeting is fixed by the Government, and we have nothing to do with that.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The cut motions have been sent in by us as soon as the agenda was received. I do not think that it will be proper for the Government to say that they do not get information sufficiently early, and so they are not ready with the information. They must come to the House prepared, or else how can the proceedings in the House go on? I move that this item may be taken on some other date, so that the Government might come prepared with the necessary information.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Is this immediately connected with the agricultural loans ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—This can be discussed under any head. The procedure is that on the back of your cut motion you give the Government notice of the information you require. That can only be legitimately given with previous intimation. If these things are not written, we will be accused of having taken them by surprise. On the back of the paper, we take the trouble of jotting down all these things, and we meet with this callous indifference from the Government. My cut motion in original is here. I am only on the question of procedure. The

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money can be had on any date. They can take even without asking us. I can satisfy the House that it is not so very urgent. It is only contingent upon the event that the British Government also extend the term of their staff. It is only a contingency that is provided for.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—They have made a recommendation to the Director-General of Survey that the period should be extended. I have already said that this amount will be required only if they extend the period.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—When the Council is not sitting, you have also got section 16 (9).

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—If the matter on which information is required is immediately connected with this demand, then I can understand the force of the objections raised. If it has totally no connection with it, and if it could not be supplied forthwith owing to accidental causes, I do not understand why the demand should be put off. Can it not be considered by the House without the information regarding the statistics of agricultural loans? I pray that the House may consider whether it is absolutely necessary to have this information for the purpose of this supplementary grant. It seems to me to be not proper to put the Government to the awkward necessity of meeting this expenditure before the grant is sanctioned by the House. The House should consider whether it could not dispose of the matter on its merits.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It has been well established as a convention of this House that whatever grievances we have can be brought on these token motions. Of course primarily it is on the matter in hand itself. There are no other supplementary grants from this Department. Therefore, this is the only occasion on which we can present our grievances. Now this Department has come here for a supplementary grant, and when the Member is here, we can get the necessary information from him.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—May I know whether it is only for the sake of information? If so, I shall try to get it in the course of this meeting. There is however some little difficulty in the matter as the particular clerk who is attending to it is on leave.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What I want to bring to the notice of the House is that this practice namely, that we are not ready and we could not get the information, should not be followed in this House. We find that a large number of short-notice questions are answered in the House of Commons on questions relating to India, and the distance is more than 6,000 miles. In

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Cochin, we can reach from one end to the other in a very few hours, and if such kinds of answers are given, I must say that it will reflect upon our State itself.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I got it only at 1-20 p. m. to-day. Between 1-20 p. m. and 3-25 p. m. I must confess that I could not get the information.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If, after the Finance Committee meeting, they are not sent to the Department from the Secretariat, then nothing can go on. Perhaps the Departmental Head will be here by the time the communication reaches him, and the paper will have to come back to him for orders. In that case, no information can ever come here. On the first day the supplementary grants are moved. Invariably that has been the practice. On the first Monday of every Legislative Session of the Council the supplementary grants are tabled. Therefore, to avoid the excuse that we are not ready and that we have not got the necessary information, I suggest that the Standing Finance Committee meeting may be held on some day earlier. Of course there are no Standing Orders or Rules which say that the Finance Committee meeting must be held on the Friday previous to the meeting. I do not think there is any objection for having it earlier.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Some of the supplementary grants were received by the Government only a day or two before. This is not a machinery!

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is a machinery. It is nothing but a machinery.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.— The Member for Jews may say so.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I may just state for the information of this House that 300 and odd village officers came to Ernakulam on the 11th of this month. We had a Committee meeting that day in the Huzur Office. When I went to the Huzur Office I saw all these people collected there with a petition complaining about their pay. After the meeting was over the Diwan came down and told them that he would meet them the next morning at about 9 o'clock. The next day they came to the Diwan and explained their grievances which were fully heard. The Diwan has given me certain instructions in the matter which I am not in a position now to divulge.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We do not want to know that. So something is being done.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know whether this petition went through you officially?

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Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—It was not given to the Diwan at all. According to the Standing Order, they should not all join together and petition.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is what I want to know.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—They were advised to send in their petitions individually and that through the Tahsildar. As so advised they have sent the petitions to the Tahsildars concerned. I am just waiting to get those petitions. The Diwan will get them formally only when I submit them with my report. But I have given him an advance copy of the petition, and he knows everything.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is exactly what I want. I want to plead on behalf of those poor people that, because they presented a joint petition, they should not be made to suffer. I am glad to have the statement that the petition is going through the regular way. Of course I want to call attention to the grievances.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Only you are a little too late.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Our advice has no value.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We can only know when the things are sent to us. A copy of the petition was sent to me, and I thought the best opportunity was when the Land Revenue Department asked for money to bring all these things to the public notice.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—We have done all that was possible.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know from you whether in your Department you are keeping the superannuation policy?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—First of all I am myself a superannuated officer.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—For which presumably he is not responsible.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I withdraw the cut.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Demand put and agreed to.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—When did the demand reach the Government?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—He cannot answer that question.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—He will not know that even.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Exactly.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Secretary to the Government will be able to answer that question. He is here.

Deputy President.—That demand is over.

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—You stated that you will give the date. It is the Secretary who promised.

Deputy President.—It is the Legislative Council Secretary who promised.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I did *not* make any promise. How could I give the date which the Government could alone know?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—You said that you would give the date.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I thought it was of the cut motion reaching my office.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—You might have thought so. I put it in plain language.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—These cut motions have been for some time working in my brain.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The information is here. 25th of Meenam—7th of April.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—To-day is 28th of April, and they had no time to call a Standing Finance Committee meeting. On the 7th it was submitted and to-day is the 28th.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This was placed before the Standing Finance Committee.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Before that, it was included in the agenda.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Now, what is the point?

Deputy President.—All these demands should have been placed before the Standing Finance Committee. Only after that they should be included in the agenda.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Then it comes to the Council Secretary again. May I know, Sir, whether the Council Secretary will answer that?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It must reach them 3 days before.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We are not responsible for the printing. The agenda has to be sent to the Members.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Before the agenda is sent, this ought to have been placed before the Finance Committee meeting.

Deputy President.—The Standing Finance Committee meeting can be held only after the agenda is received. There must be time.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Twenty-one days' time is sufficient. Individual demands may be placed before the Finance Committee and their opinions taken.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—So far as the preparation of the agenda is concerned, there is absolutely nothing to pre-

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vent the Secretary from placing in the agenda demands sent to the Council Office. There is nothing in the Rules or the Standing Orders to say that only those demands that are placed before the Standing Finance Committee should be printed in the agenda.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—My complaint is not against the Council Secretary at all. It is against the Government. Government is responsible. There was a distinct understanding that it should not be placed before the Council at all before it was passed by the Finance Committee. The procedure should not hereafter be repeated.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Suppose it is not passed by the Standing Finance Committee. Will the Council Secretary be justified in omitting it from the agenda ?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I say I don't lay the blame upon the Council Secretary. I lay the blame upon the Government Secretary.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I think there is some mist. The mist comes this way. We have established a convention that no demand shall be moved unless it is placed before the Standing Finance Committee. The agenda is for Monday. Only it is circulated a little earlier. Our Leader's case was that you need not prepare the agenda five or six days before the holding of the Standing Finance Committee meeting. Nothing can be moved unless it is placed at that meeting. They may or may not allow it to come before the Council. There is no confusion upon that point. Before you actually prepare the agenda, hold a Finance Committee meeting. That is the only case that is put forward. There may be additional information that has been asked for in the Standing Finance Committee meeting, and on the other cut motions that come, information can be gathered. They can come prepared here. Every opportunity to come prepared is lost, because the Standing Finance Committee meets after the agenda is prepared, that is, on the last Friday before the Council meeting begins. If the Government fixes a limit that all demands should reach within a particular time, that such demands that come after that will not be looked into, the Departments will send the demands.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They have to get information from subordinate offices. As far as possible they should be given time.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—In order to give them time, we are suggesting that the Finance Committee meeting may be held one week before.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—One week will be too long.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—You are burning the candle at both ends. Either take time or don't take time. Get information telegraphically. We shall be only too glad. If you establish a convention there is nothing. Agenda is no agenda till Monday morning. That is all right. There was some mist there also. Nothing turns upon the agenda. If it is prepared after the Finance Committee meeting, so much the better.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We can have only one meeting as it is. Even if we get a demand in the course of this week, we have to put it to Karkadagam. That is the difficulty.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Let us impress upon the Heads of Departments that the demands that come after a particular time will not be taken. However much we may impress, we must get information.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have made provisions that they should submit it before 15 days, but still they find it impossible to enforce it.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Very difficult to enforce!

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If it is put at 10 days, they will find it very difficult.

2. Agriculture and Panchayats.—A—2—Farm Operations—Purchase of cattle food—Rs. 1,000.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 for expenses under "Cattle food" in the Central Farm.

The allotment provided for the current year is Rs. 6,500. The expenditure incurred on this account till the end of Meenam is Rs. 6,000. The actual expenditure of 1103 and 1104 was Rs. 7,467 and Rs. 6,625 respectively. The decrease in 1104 was due to the sale of animals in 1104 and also due to loss of a number of animals from rinderpest at the end of 1103. Thus the actuals of 1104 is not a safe guide for making provision for 1105.

Early in 1105 a herd of Scindhi animals was purchased and the herd was strengthened.

Some of the old animals and some young surplus stock have been sold out, and in making proposals for this additional allotment due notice has been taken of the sales held early in Medam.

I request that the additional allotment asked for may be sanctioned.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,000 for II.—Agriculture and Panchayats—A—2. Farm Operations—purchase of cattle food by Re. 1.*

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Deputy President.—There is no cut motion regarding that.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There is one. It was only placed this morning.

Deputy President.—It is not in the agenda.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There is the ordinary agenda and there is the supplementary agenda.

Mr. K.P. Kannan Nayar.—You may ignore the ordinary agenda so far as this is concerned.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The cut motion I have tabled to-day. I handed it to the office this morning.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There is an objection raised by the Hon'ble Member for Jews why some surplus cattle should not be sold out of the farm. I have anticipated this as my reply in my motion for the grant that some surplus stock has already been sold early in Medam, and in making this provision due notice has been taken of the actual sales held early in Medam. We purchased some additional stock early in the year, some 20 animals, and we have sold some in Medam. In making this application for additional allotment, due notice has been taken of the purchase of animals and also the sales of the surplus stock held early in Medam.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know, Sir, how much of such disposable stock you have got at present?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Not very many.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—These are things sent from the Finance Committee. In the Finance Committee meeting it was brought out, I am not divulging any information, that there were some animals which the Diwan on his visit thought should be disposed of. The demand came before the Finance Committee, we discussed it there. Because animals should be fed, we want to know all these things. We asked the Superintendent to be ready with the information whether there were any cattle which were already useless being kept there and fed. Shall we give Rs. 6,000 and odd every year for the purchase of cattle food ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Between 7 and 8.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—This year Rs. 1,000 more is required for the purpose of feeding a few additional animals.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The allotment itself is only Rs. 6,500.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is to feed other animals. We wanted to know how many animals were there and how many can be safely disposed of either to the butcher or sent out of the farm. That is the only way of disposing the stock—no pinjra-

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poles here. We keep these old animals in the farm. There is no use either. Therefore, that information was asked for. I have tabled the cut motion upon other points. Apart from the fact that now we have got a farm there, we are suffering very much for want of good milk and the poor people particularly suffer. We are saying that we want child welfare. We have got a hospital, and we have got such institutions where milk is absolutely required. If we are doing anything like this, allowing six, seven or eight thousand rupees for the purpose of feeding animals, I suggest that the Government should come to the rescue of the poor people, particularly the babies who want milk, unadulterated milk, to prevent diseases getting into them. If you have got child welfare schemes, unless you can get them good milk to sustain food, there is no use of your schemes. Why, the Agricultural Department having a farm can evolve a scheme by which unadulterated milk, pure milk, can be made available for price to those who require them. You know, Sir, only few people are able to keep cattle and particularly in the towns where the compounds are small and where the houses are huddled as in an *agraharam* or street.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What has that to do with this ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It has everything to do. I don't know how the milk taken from these is disposed of either.

Deputy President.—He can explain.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Who drinks all this milk ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—A small portion is given to the Zoo, a small portion is given to the Mental Hospital and the rest to the general public of Trichur.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Why not give the milk to the Trichur Hospital ? Government money is spent and that is a Government institution. At least let the sick get good milk. There is the Maternity Hospital, there is the Civil Hospital, Trichur. All these are institutions which should get good milk.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If there is milk available, we shall get it.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Snakes are fed in the Zoo with this milk.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know the quantity of milk you get on an average per day?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—2 *paras* a day.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—How many bottles will that be, Sir ? I don t know this *para*.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—17 bottles.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—40 bottles of milk will go a long way.

Deputy President.—Trichur is far away from Ernakulam.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We have got a beautiful cocoanut farm in Vyttila. These are days of motor lorries and cars, and the milk can be easily despatched and the cow dung will become useful for manure. We have got a cocoanut farm. That is why I am saying. I am throwing out an idea. I shall throw the seed. If it takes root, let it take root. If it is upon barren rock, let it lie there. It is a very good idea. It is being done in Bombay and Calcutta with a population of about 15 to 20 lakhs. I cannot see why it cannot be done in the few towns of the State, such as Mattancheri, Ernakulam and Trichur. Government have got an Agricultural Department. They own cattle. They milk them, and they drink it up nicely! It will be a model farm for us, and it will serve a good social purpose, a life-saving purpose. If Government is keen only to have a show of the farm, I cannot see my way to support such a large expenditure for cattle being kept there for museum purposes.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It is a breeding farm.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then it wants only a few bulls, Sir.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I don't think the cows on which breeding is done belong to the farm. You send your cows there.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Anyhow the suggestion is there, to try a few dairy farms for the supply of good milk, for the sick in the hospital and to the children, particularly the poor children. They cannot get good milk. So many diseases come through milk. It is a matter for you to laugh at. There are many others who will not laugh. The Hon'ble Member for Trippunittura has got a large farm, so he can laugh at the poor people who cannot get unadulterated milk.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What has this to do with it?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—This is the only time. If you cannot understand so much of that, what can I do? We are upon farm, cattle breeding, etc. If the Hon'ble Member for Trippunittura, the Rajakiya Member, cannot understand that, what can I do? Trippunittura is called Rajakiya Mandalam perhaps because the palaces are situated there. Whatever it is, I say it will serve a very useful purpose. I plead that the Agricultural Department should take measures to see if it is a feasible

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proposition or not. I shall give them this Rs. 1,000, much more, because it will bring a return to the people.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—May I know why milk is given for the snakes in the Zoo when it should be given to the human beings? Why should they supply milk to the Zoo? When all men want milk, they are told "I am very sorry, we cannot supply you with milk."

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—They are Government animals.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Are the snakes to be preferred to human beings?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—More valuable than human children!

Mr. A. B. Salem.—They must also be given food. Tenders must be called. Good milk, out of well fed animals, I say, ought not to be given to animals, thereby starving human beings. Have more cows and have a dairy farm. I don't press the motion.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Question proposed: *That the demand be voted for by the House.*

Question put and agreed to.

3. II—Agriculture and Panchayats—Management and maintenance of the Irwin Park—Rs. 3,923.

Deputy President.—There is another demand standing in the name of the Agricultural Superintendent.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Sir, I beg to move for an allotment of Rs. 3,923 for the maintenance of the 'Irwin Park'.

The details for the amount are the following:—

1	Establishment charges from Vrischigam to the end of Mithunam	Rs. 974
2	Permanent improvements such as sheds for watchmen, Plant House, etc.	Rs. 850
3	Maintenance of garden such as casual labour, manures, etc.	Rs. 1,899
4	Miscellaneous such as badges and uniforms, etc., to watchmen	Rs. 200
	Total	Rs. 3,923

I request that the allotment asked for may be sanctioned.

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Does this amount include any amount already spent?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—From Vrischigam to Mithunam.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Roughly what is the amount to be spent? If this includes the amount already spent from Vrischigam onwards, what is the amount to be spent actually from this date or approximately from Medam?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.— Nearly a thousand and odd rupees.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Out of this Rs.4,000, Rs. 3,000 has been already spent. Rs. 3,923 is the amount now asked for sanction.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.— About a thousand rupees has been already spent.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Nearly Rs. 2,000 to be spent hereafter. 50 per cent has been already spent.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—May I ask, Sir, how many servants are employed in the Park?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.— One Maistry on Rs. 20, one head gardener on Rs. 15, six gardeners on Rs. 12 and two watchmen on Rs. 12.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—And six uniforms cost Rs. 200!

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Only to the watchmen. There is also provision for a wicket gate. That cost Rs. 80.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Is that uniform?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Badges, uniforms and the brass plate to be attached to the gates cost in all Rs. 200. We have to provide a wicket gate which will cost about Rs. 80.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What is the total cost to lay out this Park?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is a specific question on the point. It will be answered.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—When?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— Perhaps to-morrow or day after to-morrow.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—During the question time, others are not allowed to say anything. Only the person who puts the question can ask further questions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— May I know, Sir, why it was not placed before the Council either during the Dhanu meeting or Kumbham meeting? The demand is made for an amount already spent, for expenses incurred from Vrischigam and to be incurred till the end of Mithunam. May I know, Sir, why the demand was not made earlier?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—In Kumbham Session?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was placed before the Finance Committee.

Deputy President.—Only now.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—What is the point they want to know?

Deputy President.—Why was it not placed earlier?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—It must be a statement only. It should not be a demand. Money was already spent.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Then only a statement need be placed on the Table, Sir.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has to be certified.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We have a demand for the amount already spent. Now the case is of an urgent demand for the amount already spent.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 3,923 for management and maintenance of Irwin Park.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.— I have tabled a total cut, but if it is the opinion of the House, I will reduce it by the amount that is already spent. It may be certified.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Let us not object. Let us give the consent of the House for the amount already spent.

Deputy President.— This cut motion is for the total omission. The other is only a token motion. Total cuts come first. If that goes, there is no necessity to move the other.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, in moving this cut motion, I shall give the figures, 30,000 and odd rupees have been spent up to Vrischigam. I put a definite question as to what the amount was that was spent upon the foreshore of Ernakulam for the garden, etc., because I found a number of questions went from Members introducing the word 'Viceroy' in the question, and any question in which the word 'Viceroy' appears will go. So I put the question how much money was spent upon the foreshore, and I got an answer that Rs. 30,000 and odd have been spent. I am sorry, Sir, that day the question was not reached for me to put any supplementary questions. The most important point that this House should attentively take is the fact that this idea of doing something on the foreshore was there, while the budget was being prepared last year. But Government would not place it anywhere in the budget in August. That the Viceroy was coming into Cochin was known to the Government long before the budget was tabled in this House. True, the budget came, and before the next meeting the Viceroy had come and gone, and this money has been already spent

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lavishly, without estimate, without sanction, without the knowledge and without the vote of this House. That was a great point. A public meeting was held. Expenditure was being incurred by cheques without sanction, with carte-blanche orders, and we had the pleasure of looking on as Members of this Council, as guardians of the poor people, as the watchers of the Treasuries of our State, from which no money could possibly be spent without our sanction according to the words used by the Government in opening this Legislative Council on the 3rd of April 1925! But what do we see? Everything receding backwards! Without even our knowing it Rs. 30,000 have been spent! Where is the sanction of this House? You now come forward for Rs. 3,000 and odd for meeting the expenses, partly for what you have already incurred and partly for what you are going to incur during the remaining months of the year. Where is the sanction for the Rs. 30,000? Where is the statement before the House that the expenditure was considered as emergent and was incurred? No such statement was ever placed before this House! The Viceroy came and went, and on the 16th of December we had a meeting. No statement was placed. Since then we had a February session. No statement was placed. Since then we have an April session. No statement is placed. Where is the expenditure to be budgetted?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Any appropriation statement?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No appropriation statement. That is the complaint. The Accounts Department has been completely snoring, slumbering away as to what ought to be debited and what ought not to be debited. Rs. 800 have been asked for putting stamps upon correspondence and for urgent expenses We can understand more or less the difficulties of the Government. Why? What is the use of having a law enacted called the Cochin Legislative Council Regulation to be enforced in the State, which demands a statement to be placed of any expenditure incurred emergently by the Diwan on the Table of this House? Therefore, I submit that the Government having spent all this money, my desire is, whatever it be, I don't know the desire of the Hon'ble Members, that the whole amount must be cut, and the Government must be given their credit to say that they spent this money without our consent and certified. I should face the Government with that political situation. Let them spend boldly and let them certify it boldly. At the fag end of the year you come forward before the next budget, without even placing a statement, without even letting the Members know under what section the expenditure has been incurred! What is the use of this Legislative Council if it is to sit with

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folded arms and to see that the very little rights it has are taken away by the Government? We will be stultifying ourselves. It will not serve the very limited purpose for which we have been called. What is the object of keeping this institution, this People's Institution, and we have got the answer that is an unhappy expression! It is not an unhappy expression! It is in consonance with the policy adopted by the Government. What is the policy? Everything may appear right, but should not be right. We want a nice cover for things. What goes on inside, that does not matter. Anything can go on inside. We want a nice screen to screen everything from the public view. This is the best screen—Legislative Council. Tear that screen. I ask the Hon'ble Members, make your public realise that we have not got an iota of financial power, the only power that the people can wield in fighting with the Government. If you have only the financial power, you can fight with the Government. They know very well they can pull on. Therefore, it is that they say that, for the due discharge of the responsibilities of the Government, for emergent expenditure, we have got special powers. These special powers are given only where Governments are made and unmade by the popular votes. In such a Council as ours such power is not at all necessary, because the Government is irremovable, and they can do what they like. We have got the pleasure to look at them. They have got the pleasure and we have got the pain. On those points I don't want to enter here. I asked for the reasons for not placing the scheme and estimate before this Council or even before the Standing Finance Committee. I don't know whether the Hon ble Member will be able to give the reasons. I also ask the reasons for not placing a statement of expenditure before the Members. None has been forthcoming. I would now ask another question to the Hon'ble Members who had special charge for bringing this Park into existence. The Park was opened at night.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I will say yes. There were plenty of electric lights, and many prominent Members were also asked to witness the opening ceremony. If you had not read the Viceroy's visit report published by the Diwan, I cannot help the Hon'ble Member. I have read it carefully, and I found that prominent citizens were also invited to be present at the opening of the Park.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Probably they are Members of this House.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Prominent citizens. Sir, the invitation was at night to come after dinner. I know one or two

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persons who got invitations to be present at the opening of the Park.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was not opened during night.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is your own statement Sir. It is not my statement.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Never was there a statement like that.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If you will kindly read the Viceregal visit report published in the Gazette, you can find it.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Was there any opening ceremony?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was no opening ceremony.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There were invitations sent up.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No invitation was sent up for the opening ceremony.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Was there any opening ceremony at all?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was nothing at all like the so-called opening ceremony.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—No ceremony? That is all right. A small opening for persons to get in.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—There are two openings.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—No ceremony; but there were two openings, through which persons can get in.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—According to the strict sense of the term there was no opening ceremony.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If there was any opening ceremony or the little opening ceremony, I find this statement in the Gazette. I have called for the Gazette. I shall quote. I shall withdraw everything, if it is not there. In the opening ceremony certain prominent citizens were also invited to be present. If that be so, I ask why Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Council, who represent the State, were not given any invitation to be present. I for one feel it, and I think that every Member, who has got any sense of self-respect in him, should feel at the policy adopted by the Government when an Hon'ble visitor was visiting our State. We are the people to sanction the amount necessary to bring such a Park into existence. We are the people that should sanction the amount for the up-keep and maintenance of that particular Park. I cannot see any reason, which would be forthcoming from the Government, to justify their action in ignoring the Members of the Legislative Council. I want to point out only that, and I have done. I think, therefore, this House will

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have justification, not because that Park is not necessary or is not liked by the public; but upon a principle of the constitution in ignoring this Council and for not even submitting statements as the law demands of the Government to be placed before this House, for ingnoring the provision of law which nobody, however great, can do, not even the Diwan of Cochin can ignore the provisions of law under which he is bound to place the demand before us because that is the law. If we are in a reign of law, then we must rise to the occasion and say on that principle and on that principle alone and no other, and not because that Park is unnecessary—we all want the Park, it has served a useful purpose, and we are glad to have the Park—but upon the constitutional principle, I would ask the Hon'ble Members to support me in my motion to cut down the demand.

Mr. E Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I support this motion. In the eyes of the Legislative Council there is no Irwin Park. No money has been spent upon the Irwin Park by us. We cannot afford to maintain something which is not in existence in the eyes of the Legislative Council. In this view of the matter I support the motion.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Why was not a statement placed before this Council now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Is there any definite rule asking the Government to place the statement before this House?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That is why I say the amount is not before us. We are to sanction it. Without knowing how much we have spent, how are we to sanction it? I asked the question, and the Government said they were not able to give me that information.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We can give the information.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—But it was given by the Jewish Member.

Deputy President.—The statement ought to have been placed before the House.

Mr.V.K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Without proper notice it could not be done.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I come to understand that the Government has not answered as to why this statement has not been placed before this House. I want a reply before I make my comments.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I want to ascertain as to why the statement has not been placed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Government view may be placed

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before the Council. They have not settled as to who should reply to us.

Deputy President.—Why should we sanction now the expenditure? That is the question.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Just wait for a few minutes more. We are getting the information.

Deputy President.—We shall proceed to the next item. Meanwhile let them get the information.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We want to put this to votes before we come to another item. We shall take the votes now, if the Government has no reply to offer. If the Government is not prepared, let them prepare and do it afterwards.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—As to why the statement was not placed before us, nothing need be referred to.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The main question now is as to why the statement was not placed before this House. There is a technical question. We shall place the statement now. It may be an omission.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—From the Hon'ble Member for the Jews we understand that it was Rs. 30,000.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—That is an additional allotment.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Anyhow the duty of the Chair is to put it to the vote. We have got the information that the statement is not before it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If you would wait for 10 minutes more, the information could be supplied.

Deputy President.—The matter may be put off for to-morrow.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Yes. It may be put off.

Deputy President.—Do you propose to put it off for to-morrow?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It may be. Let it come for to-morrow.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Let the Government move.

Deputy President.—We have got the paper.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Let them take ample time, and we shall have it to-morrow.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Sir, I beg to move that the question of the grant of the additional allotment of Rs. 3,923 may be put off for to-morrow.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Under what rule can the demand be put off to another date?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Under S. O. 26.

Deputy President.—There is a cut motion in the name of Mr. Kunhi Moideen.

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—Suppose this motion is allowed. There is no necessity for taking up the other motion. Suppose Mr. Salem's motion is allowed. Then can we take up the other token motion?

Deputy President.—The matter is put off for to-morrow. If you want to move it as a special motion, I have no objection. I don't think there is any objection for moving it to-morrow.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The whole demand itself is adjourned.

The Council agreed to postpone the demand.

4. XI—Registration-(f)-T. A.—Rs. 870.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 870 under 'XI—Registration, (f) Travelling Allowance.'

From the experience of the last three years it has been found that the amount of Rs. 1,500 is necessary, under normal circumstances, for the second half of every year. Against this a sum of Rs. 969 alone is available in the current year's allotment of Rs. 3,250 under the head in question. Hence the allotment is deficient by Rs. 500 which has to be made good.

During the year there was also an unanticipated expenditure of Rs. 370 due to the T. A. of the District Registrars in connection with the recent Thiruvanthali ceremony.

I hope that, for the reasons stated above, this House will have no hesitation in granting the allotment asked for.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.— *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 870 for Registration by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—There is a cut motion standing in your name, Mr. Salem.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, there have been some grievances in the Registration Department. I call attention to the grievances of the Registration Department regarding the pay, etc., according to the new scheme of the reorganisation. I think the grievances are well known to the Government, and their main grievances in this matter we have thought fit to ventilate. I cannot understand how, in this State, all these things are tolerated. We get more complaints from Government servants. We have absolutely no power, because there is no ministerial Government handling the Department. Yet they are under the impression that the Legislative Council Members can always do something for them. I am sorry that the Government have not realised the important nature of our efforts here. Similar matters come, I think, almost to all the Members, as if we can do anything. Here is a set of Government servants complaining to non-government people, because they cannot get

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redress. And what can the non-government people do? Thus the poor servants go from pillar to post and post to pillar. Therefore, I think, unless the Government realises its responsibilities, I am only sorry for them. Government servants who handle the work of Government have not realised in our country as in other countries that only ministerial form of responsible Government can give them any relief. Otherwise, they are, as much as we are, at the tender mercies of an autocratic or bureaucratic system of Government. It is time that, in our State, when we find so much of the grievances of the Government servants coming before the non-officials, the Government will think and introduce a better form of administration. The Special Finance Committee, the Hon'ble Members inside the House thought it to be a Council concern. They contradicted me, and from the Diwan downwards said that it was a Council Committee. I gave the contradiction and said that it was not a Council Committee at all. For, the existence of it is not due to the Council but is due to the pure pleasure of the Government, of the irremovable executive Government of our State, and they appointed it. It only happened that some of the Members of this Council were appointed to that committee. Instead of them, they could as well have appointed A, B, C of the general public to it. Therefore, we are not at all responsible for the Special Finance Committee. Everywhere you go, people are dissatisfied. People say that the Special Finance Committee orders have not satisfied them. The persons with 25 years of service and persons with 15 years of service, all complain. Wherever we go, we get a crop of complaints. Therefore, I say on the floor of this House that petitions are pouring in into the Secretariat and unto the Diwan for redress. of grievances; and it is only to call attention and particularly of the Members of the Government service to realise that we are absolutely impotent to give them any relief. Here is the Peishkar's battalion of about 300 complaining. They get only Rs. 13 a month each. That is their grievance. They say how many in other Departments get Rs. 25 to 30 while they continue to get only Rs. 14 to 16. We have helped them by our voice, and that we are giving them in ample measure. We shall stand up for their grievances, and that is a telling story for the Government to witness. Why they are not looking after their grievances? That is an inference that anybody can draw, that the Government cannot satisfy them. Therefore, if the Government cannot satisfy them, they must at once give way. Shift the burden of these unto the people themselves, give us the responsibility and take the responsibility from us by thwarting us or by pointing

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out our mistakes. For such a system our country is ripe altogether. Our country is more than over-ripe. We have petitioned to the Diwan for such a system. We have gone in deputation to the Maharaja for such a system. We have given a total cut of the General Administration demand. Well, with what result? Absolutely no result. Therefore, it is for ventilating these that I have tabled this cut. But they get something by way of increase. Therefore, I withdraw the cut.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Gazette contains the details of the opening ceremony of the Irwin Park. Perhaps the Secretary to the Diwan is not aware of it.

Deputy President.—We can discuss it to-morrow.

The motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Question proposed: *That the demand of Rs. 870 under —XI—Registration—(f) 'T. A.' be granted.*

Question put and agreed to.

5. XIII—General Administration—1—Huzur—subscription to newspapers—Rs. 200.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move a supplementary grant of Rs. 200 under 'XIII—General Administration—1—Huzur—Subscription to Newspapers'. Out of the grant of Rs. 500, a sum of Rs. 474—10—0 has already been spent till now, and the balance left is only Rs. 25—6—0. This is not sufficient to meet the subscriptions for several newspapers and magazines pending payment. A sum of Rs. 200 more is required under this head to cover the expenditure to be incurred in the remaining part of the year. I hope the House will be pleased to grant the allotment asked for.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I want to know whether any new newspapers are subscribed for.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Yes. They are three useful newspapers.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 200 for 'XIII—General Administration—1—Huzur—Subscription to Newspapers' by Re. 1.*

Deputy President.—There is a cut motion in the name of K. Ayyappan. He is absent.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 200 for XIII—General Administration—1—Huzur—subscription to newspapers by Re 1*

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മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—സർ, കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ കായ്ൽ തൽ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു കാണിക്കുന്ന അനാസ്ഥയിൽ ആ നാട്ടുകാക്കു വളരെ വ്യസനവും വെറുപ്പും ഉണ്ടെന്നുള്ള കായ്യം രേഖപ്പെടുത്തു വാനായിട്ടാണു ഞാൻ ഈ മോഷൻ കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ഇ യ്യിടെ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ ഒരു പൊതുജനയോഗം കൂടുകയും ചില നി ശ്ചയങ്ങൾ പാസ്സാക്കുകയും മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിലേയ്ക്കും ദി വാൻജി അവർകൾക്കും അയയ്ക്കുയും ചെയ്ത വിവരം ഗവമ്മെണ്ടി നും പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കും ഇതിനിടെ അറിവായിട്ടുള്ളതാണു്. നാട്ടിലേയ്ക്കു അത്യാവശ്യം വേണ്ട കായ്ങ്ങൾ പോലും ഗവമ്മെ ണ്ടിനോടു ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടപ്പോൾ ഫണ്ടില്ല, ഫണ്ടില്ല എന്ന സമാ ധാനമാണു് ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു പറയുന്നതു്. എന്നാൽ സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഫി നാൻസു കമ്മിറ്റി കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനു ഫണ്ടുണ്ടാക്കുവാനായി നി ായ മായി അർഹതയുള്ള ചില ഓഫരികൾ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനു കൊടു പ്പാനായി ശുപാർചെയ്തിരുന്നു. കൌൺസ്സിലിന്റെ പലയോഗ ങ്ങളിലും ഞാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനെ ഈ കായ്യം അനുസ്മരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊ ണ്ടിരുന്നു. അപ്പോഴെയ്ക്കു സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഫിനാൻസുകമ്മിറ്റി റിപ്പോ ർട്ടു് പുറത്തുവരട്ടെ, അപ്പോൾ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനു ചില കായ്യങ്ങളിലും ഗുണമുണ്ടാകും, കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരുന്നു മോക്ഷം സിദ്ധിക്കും എന്നൊക്കെ യാണു് ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു പറഞ്ഞിരുന്നതു്. സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഫിനാൻസുക മ്മിറ്റി റിപ്പോർട്ടിന്മേലുള്ള ഉത്തരവു പുറത്തു വന്നപ്പോൾ കൊടു ങ്ങല്ലൂരിനു പഴയ സ്ഥിതിതന്നെയാണു് കാണുന്നതു്. കൊടുങ്ങ ല്ലൂരിന്റെ ധനസംബന്ധമായ മോശസ്ഥിതിയെ പരിഹരിക്കാൻ ഉപകരിക്കുന്ന ന്യായമായ പല സംഗതികളിലും സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഫി നാൻസുകമ്മിറ്റിയുടെയും കൌൺസ്സിലിന്റെയും ശുപ്പാർശകളെ ഗവമ്മെൻറു് കേവലം അവഗണിക്കുകയാണു് ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ആ ശുപാർശകൾ മാത്രം സ്വീകരിച്ചിരുന്നെങ്കിൽ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ ഭര ണത്തിനു വേണ്ട പണം കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനുണ്ടാകുമായിരുന്നു. ഇങ്ങിനെ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ ന്യായമായി അർഹിക്കുന്ന ഓഫരി കൾ ഒന്നും ഇല്ലെന്നിരിക്കട്ടെ, എന്നാൽതന്നെയും കൊച്ചി ഗവ മ്മെണ്ടു് കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ ഭരണം കയ്യേറിയിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥിതിക്കു് ആ നാ ട്ടിലെ ജനങ്ങളുടെ സുഖസൌകര്യാദികൾക്കു് വേണ്ട എല്ലാവിധ ഏർപ്പാടുകളും ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ട്രഷറിയിൽനിന്നുതന്നെ പണം ചിലവി ട്ടു ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനു് കടമയുണ്ടു്. ആ നാടിനെ സംര ക്ഷിക്കേണ്ട ചുമതല ഇന്നത്തെ സ്ഥിതിക്കു് കൊച്ചി ഗവമ്മെണ്ടി നാണു്. ഇതെല്ലാം ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് തീരെ മറന്നിട്ടാണു് ഓരോന്നുപ്ര വൃത്തിക്കുന്നതു്. അവിടെ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു് ശരിയായി ഗതാഗതം ചെയ്യുവാൻ റോഡില്ല. ഉള്ള റോഡുകൾ അനാശാസ്യമായരീതി യിലാണു കിടക്കുന്നതു്. ജനങ്ങളുടെ ആരോഗ്യസ്ഥിതി വളരെ മോശമാണു്. ഇയ്യിടെ കുറച്ചുകാലമായി മസൂരിയുടെ ഉപദ്രവം

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വളരെ കലശലായിട്ടുണ്ട്. ജനങ്ങൾ ധാരാളം മരിക്കുന്നുമുണ്ട്. ഈ സംഗതിയിൽ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധ ഇതേവരെ പതിഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല. വാക്സിനേഷൻ അവിടെ ഉത്സാഹപൂർവ്വമായ രീതിയിൽ നടത്തണമെന്നും ദീനം ശമിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിന് വേണ്ട പ്രതിവിധികൾ ഉടനെ ആരംഭിക്കണമെന്നും ഒരു മാസംമുമ്പെ ഞാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനെ അനുസ്മരിപ്പിക്കയുണ്ടായി. ഗവമ്മെണ്ട് അതിനൊന്നും ചെയ്തില്ല. അതിനാൽ അവിടെ മസൂരിദീനം വർദ്ധിച്ചുവരികയാണുചെയ്തത്. ഈ സംഗതിയിൽ വാക്സിനേഷൻ ശരിയായി നടത്തണമെന്നും ഇപ്പഴത്തെ ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് ചികിത്സയിൽ കായ്മമായ പ്രതിവിധിയൊന്നും ഇതിനുചെയ്കകാണാത്തതിനാൽ ഹോമിയോപ്പതി സിസ്റ്റപ്രകാരമുള്ള ചികിത്സകളുവേണ്ട ഏർപ്പാടുകൾ ചെയ്യണമെന്നുമാണ് ഞാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനെ പ്രത്യേകമായി ഉണർത്തിയത്. ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ആ കായ്മത്തിൽ ശ്രദ്ധിച്ചില്ല. ഇപ്പോൾ മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി എറണാകുളം മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റികൾക്ക് ഈ കായ്മത്തിൽ കുറെ ഗ്രാന്റ് അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുത്തതായി അറിയുന്നതിൽ സന്തോഷമുണ്ട്. ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് അതിൽ തീരെ അസൂയയില്ല. ഗ്രാമനിവാസികളുടെ കായ്മത്തിലുംകൂടി ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണമെന്നാണ് ഞാൻ അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നത്. കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിൽ ഭരണി കഴിഞ്ഞതിനുശേഷം വാസ്തവത്തിൽ മസൂരി വർദ്ധിക്കുകയാണു ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളത്. പലരാജ്യത്തുള്ള ജനങ്ങൾ ഒന്നായി തിങ്ങിക്കൂടിയാൽ ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന അനുഭവം എന്താണെന്ന് ഞാൻ പ്രത്യേകം വിവരിക്കേണ്ടയാവശ്യമില്ല. ഇപ്പോൾ ദിനംദിനം ഈ ദീനം വർദ്ധിക്കുകയാണു ചെയ്യുന്നത്. ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു വേണ്ട പരിഹാരങ്ങളൊന്നും ചെയ്യാതിരുന്നാൽ ഭാവി ഭയങ്കരമായിരിക്കും. കൃഷിയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു പറകയാണെങ്കിൽ അവിടെ അതിന്റെ അഭിവൃദ്ധിക്കായി ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ഒന്നും ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല. ഇതുപോലെ മറ്റൊരൊ കായ്മങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി പറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതായാൽ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനോടു കാണിക്കുന്ന അനാസ്ഥ സീമാതീതമാണ്. സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഫിനാൻസ് കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിന്മേലുള്ള ഉത്തരവു പുറത്തുവന്നാൽ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനു മോക്ഷം കിട്ടുമെന്നായിരുന്നു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു വാക്കുകളിൽനിന്നു ആശിച്ചിരുന്നത്. ആ കായ്മും പൂജ്യത്തിൽ കലാശിച്ചു. ഇനി കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിന്റെ ന്യായമായ അഭിവൃദ്ധിയിൽ അതായത്തു അവിടെ കുടിനു ജീവിക്കുന്ന ജനങ്ങളുടെ സുഖസൌകര്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു എന്തു ചെയ്യാൻ ഭാവിക്കുന്നുവെന്നാണ് അറിയേണ്ടതു. ഒരു ലോൺ കൊടുത്തുതല്ലാലോവശ്യങ്ങളെങ്കിലും നിറവേറ്റിക്കണമെൻ ഈ കൌൺസിലിൽതന്നെ പലപ്പോഴും ഞാൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു. അതിനും പുറമെ അതു സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഞാൻ ദിവാൻജിക്കും എഴുതി. അതിനു തരമില്ലെന്നാണ് ദിവാൻ മറുപടി അയച്ചതു. അതിനാൽ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിലെ അത്യാവശ്യങ്ങൾ പണികഴിക്കുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ഇ

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നി എന്താണ് ഭാവിക്കുന്നതെന്ന അറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം. ഞാൻ ഇപ്പോൾ പറഞ്ഞ സംഗതികൾ പല പ്രാവശ്യവും ഇവിടെ വിവരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. അതിനാൽ കൂടുതലായി പറയാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നില്ല ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I support this motion, and in doing so, I do not propose to make a speech at all, because, if the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur gets an assurance from the Government side as to what they propose to do in the matter of redressing the grievances of the people of Cranganur, there may not be any necessity in making any speech at all.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question covers all the aspects of administration. If it is only regarding the question of customs that is specifically wanted, I can give a reply. Otherwise the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, the Superintendent of Agriculture and each of the respective Heads of Departments will answer on points concerning them.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Only on the general administration.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The only point touched by the Cranganur Member is regarding the amounts claimed from Cranganur on account of 4 separate heads, i. e., (1) duty on salt, (2) the portion of the rebate on opium and ganja, (3) a share of the customs revenue and (4) canal and navigation receipts. Regarding all the 3 except the customs, due amounts have been receipted to Cranganur. Only with regard to the question of customs there is some difference of opinion I will read out the portion of the orders relating to the customs.

"The question must lie over for the present"

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—There is no decision, Sir.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It cannot be decided at this stage. According to the position taken by the Government, if this principle is to be accepted, the Government themselves are to get some money from the Government of India. They are waiting to see how the Government of India view the matter. If it is a correct principle and accepted by the Government of India, then it will be applied to Cranganur as well.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—At present they are getting some money on that account, and it is only for a contribution from that amount to Cranganur that the Hon'ble Member is asking.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question is the same as that between the Government of India and the State.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—But that does not preclude the Government from making an independent view of the matter.

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മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—ഇന്ത്യാഗവമ്മെണ്ടും നാട്ടുരാജ്യങ്ങളും തമ്മിലുള്ള ബന്ധംപോലുള്ള ഒരു ബന്ധമല്ല, കൊച്ചി ഗവമ്മെണ്ടും കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരും തമ്മിലുള്ളതു്. കൊച്ചി രാജഭരണം നിലനിറുത്തുവാൻ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനെ കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തിലെ ഒരു താലൂക്കായിട്ടാണോ ഗണിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതെന്നറിയാം.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In the Cranganur Taluk for all expenditure we take the sanction of the Cranganur Chief. But for all the other Taluks we take no sanction.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ,—അങ്ങിനെ കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനെ ഒരു താലൂക്കാക്കി വെച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടും കൊച്ചി ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ ഭരണം നടത്തിവരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടും അവിടത്തെ സാമ്പത്തികസ്ഥിതി മോശമായിരിക്കയാലും അങ്ങിനെ ഒരോഹരി കൊടുപ്പാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു കടപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നുവെന്നാണു് എന്റെ വാദം.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—All that obtains in British India will be applicable to Cochin generally.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—ലെജിസ്ലേറ്റീവ് അസംബ്ലിയിൽ ഒരു നിയമം പാസ്സായി നടപ്പിൽ വന്നാൽ അതു ഉടനെ കൊച്ചിയിലും നിയമമാകുമൊ? ശാരദാബിൽ അസംബ്ലിയിൽ പാസ്സാവുകയും ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് ഇൻഡ്യയിൽ നിയമമാവുകയും ചെയ്തു. ഇതേവരെ അതു ഇവിടെ നിയമമായില്ല. അസംബ്ലിയിൽ ഒരു നിയമം പാസ്സായാൽ വൈസ്രായിക്കു് അയച്ചു് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ അനുവാദത്തോടു കൂടി നിയമമാക്കുന്നു. ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് ഇൻഡ്യയിൽ നിയമമായി കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ ഉടനെ കൊച്ചിയിൽ നിയമമാവുകയില്ല. എന്നാൽ ഒരു ബിൽ ഈ കൈയൺസ്സിലിൽ പാസ്സായി മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ അടുക്കൽ പോയി അദ്ദേഹം തുല്യം ചാർത്തിക്കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ അതു ഉടനെ കൊച്ചിയിലെ മറ്റു താലൂക്കുകളോടൊപ്പം കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനും ബാധകമായി.

ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി പ്രസിഡെണ്ടു്.—കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ ഭരിക്കുന്നതു് കൊച്ചി രാജാവാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—അതേ, അതുതന്നെയാണു് ഞാനും പറയുന്നതു്. കസ്റ്റംസ് ഇനത്തിൽ ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് ഇൻഡ്യാ, കൊച്ചിക്കു് ഓഹരി കൊടുക്കുന്നില്ലേ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—On that account there are so many Heads of Departments looking after the affairs of Cranganur for which no contribution is made from Cranganur. What does the Hon'ble Member say to that? So, *mutatis mutandis*, all the principles cannot be applied here. Because, then the contribution for the Heads of Departments and proportionate costs for their ministerial offices will have to be paid from Cranganur.

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മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—എന്നാൽ അതിലൊരോഹരി കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിന്നു കൊടുക്കരുതെ?

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—So the question is just the reverse of what the Government submitted.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Member said that, if this particular question is identical, then why not it also get.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—What the Member said was that the Cochin Government was getting a little revenue from customs, and as Cranganur forms part and parcel of the State and as it has necessity for such funds, it is entitled to get a contribution from such funds.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What was the Government getting formerly? An inter-portal treaty was signed during Mr. Banerji's time, and we began to get a little more. Now we get about 12 lakhs. The real question, therefore, depends upon the consumption that is taking place. The customs revenue is collected at the port. We do not levy any separate customs. We have got the inter-portal treaty. Now, when the State gets, why not Cranganur also get a portion of that? They are asking only 1 per cent. The Indian States say that all goods for which you collect customs at your ports are consumed in our territories as well, and we do not levy separate customs. So give us some contribution. That is a very difficult question.

Deputy President.—That depends upon the nature of the understanding between the two Governments.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—In Kashmir and other States goods do not pass through their territories. Yet they have raised a lot of questions before the Butler Committee regarding customs.

Deputy President.—This question must depend upon the nature of the understanding between the two Governments.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Between Cranganur and Cochin.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What is the understanding, Sir?

Deputy President.—We do not know.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Government should make enquiries and make us understand.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—What is the objection for not so treating it?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Their needs may be met. We can give them a grant. Rs. 10,000 may be given as a donation to their State.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have to follow a certain policy.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—ആ ചോദ്യമല്ല ചോദിക്കുന്നതു്.

The House rose for the day at 2' past 5 p. m.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,
Secretary to the Council.

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